

WAR AGAINST THE "INSURGENTS"

The Struggle to be Waged Without Quarter by the Taft Administration

BATTLE BROKE SUDDENLY TUESDAY

Recent Utterances and Anti-Taft Articles Have Stirred the President to Action and Senators and Congressmen who Oppose the Taft Policies are to Receive no Consideration—No One Dares Forecast the Political Outcome of the Contest.

Washington, Jan. 4.—War without quarter will be waged between the Taft administration and such republican "insurgents" in congress as are now opposing and who oppose in the future the Taft legislative programme. The battle is not with those republican insurgents who quietly sheathed their blades after defeat but with those who have nursed dissensions and antagonisms, and are now publicly in anticipation of continued conflict.

Single Shot Foretells General Engagement.

The battle broke suddenly Tuesday. At first it was a single shot, then a volley, and then a full-scale battle. The Taft administration has taken on the aspects of a general engagement, the consequences of which cannot be foretold. The substance of it is that the senators and congressmen who have taken a stand against the Taft administration and who continue to align themselves with the opposition to the president's policies are to receive no consideration in matters of patronage.

President Aroused to Action.

Utterances such as that made by Senator Cummins at a recent dinner in Des Moines, by Senator Bristow in previous speeches, and by articles in Senator La Follette's magazine, and a recent interview by Senator Clapp on the price of foodstuffs are said to have stirred the president to action.

It had been reported further that some of the republican insurgents in the house have tried to secure appointments under the administration of men more or less openly out of harmony with the Taft regime. Mr. Taft's closest friends, however, say that it would be impolitic for him to afford aid to those who have taken a stand against the Taft administration in congress.

It is stated without reserve tonight that the president has listened to such advice and has decided to follow it.

Battle Not With Tariff Insurgents.

In support of the position taken by certain leaders of the administration that the battle is not with the tariff insurgents it was pointed out tonight that Senators Nelson, Brown, Burkett and Borah, all of whom voted against the Payne-Adams tariff bill, are persona grata at the White House, postoffice department, land office and internal revenue bureau, where federal patronage is dispensed.

No politician who would discuss the situation at all tonight dared hazard an opinion as to the political outcome of the contest. Some insisted that it would arouse bitter opposition to President Taft, while others declared that the effect would be to make all republicans line up for or against the president and "smoke out" those who have carefully kept their position neutral.

Miller of Minnesota Blows Off the Lid.

Representative Miller of the Eighth Minnesota district was the man chiefly instrumental in "blowing off the lid" of the situation. He did it by a statement to the effect that the Taft administration was not to be taken into consideration in the matter of patronage.

A "great deal of pressure is being brought to bear upon me to withhold from the insurgents the political patronage of the Taft administration," he said. "I am very loath to do this and

Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, Jan. 4.—Ex-Premier Clemenceau next spring will make a tour of South America and deliver lectures on socialism at Buenos Ayres and Montevideo. It is possible that he will also visit the United States.

Bordeaux, Jan. 4.—Leon Debrange, the famous French actor, died today, while making a flight here today. He fell with his machine from a height of about sixty-five feet and was crushed under the weight of the wreckage.

Liverpool, Jan. 4.—Minimum tariff rates to the various ports on the Atlantic seaboard of North America will come into effect very soon, as a result of prolonged negotiations between the principal managers of the steamship lines. The principal effect of the new arrangement will be to wipe out the unremunerative rates which have come into existence in consequence of the competition for the traffic to interior points.

Brussels, Jan. 4.—Le Sol asserts today that the marriage of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth, who was sanctioned by the late King Leopold, is required by the constitution. The paper insists that the sanction of the marriage by parliament is imperative. Since the confirmation of Leopold's religious marriage the Catholic papers seem disposed to raise a threat against the future dynasty, unless King Albert submits to Catholic influence.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM LEDGER.

Stricken With Heart Disease as She Was Taking Car for the City—Died Within a Few Minutes.

It will be a shock to the many friends of Mrs. William Ledger of Laurel Hill road to learn of her death, which occurred suddenly on Tuesday evening at the home of her son, Mr. Crouch, at 1000 Broadway, New York. Mrs. Ledger had started for the city and walked to the car from her home. She had gotten into the car and was about to start when she was stricken with heart disease. She died within a few minutes.

Mrs. Ledger was born in Lowell, N. Y., the daughter of William and Henrietta Ledger. She was married to William Ledger on July 22, 1885. She married William Ledger on July 22, 1885. She married William Ledger on July 22, 1885.

Time Cards for Police Follow City Employees Finger Mark Clue

DECIDED CHANGE IN NEW YORK MUNICIPAL METHODS.

MOVE BY NEW COMPTROLLER

To Learn How the City's \$80,000,000 Salary List is Earned—Tammany Leader Calls on the New Mayor.

New York, Jan. 4.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, today called on the new mayor, Mr. John H. LaGuardia, and spent an hour in conference with him. When he left Mayor LaGuardia's office he possessed a photograph on the City hall steps. Tammany has got pretty sick of the photograph of the mayor's hand, although without the photograph he would have been mayor of Greater New York—not on the democratic ticket.

"Ask the Mayor."

When Mr. Murphy left the mayor's office he was besieged by interviewers. "Did you meet the mayor by appointment?" asked one.

"You will have to ask the mayor," was his reply, a characteristic one.

"Did you have a pleasant conversation with him?" asked another.

"Ask him about it. He's going to do all the talking."

"Did you get any encouragement from him?" asked a third.

"Ask the mayor," said Murphy.

"Do you expect any appointments?" asked a fourth.

"Here he walked away."

"You look to be happy and smiling," suggested one who followed.

Mayor More Open Mouthed.

Judge Gaynor discussed the Tammany leader's visit in front of his relations were cordial, always, since he first met Charles F. Murphy a year ago. Murphy called merely to offer congratulations.

He said he was not disappointed in the mayor, although he did not speak of it. This is Mr. Murphy's first visit to the new mayor's office. He is a commissioner of docks in the Van Wyck administration. His relations with Mayor McClellan, it will be recalled, were not very cordial, and have this rule under the new administration, even after their differences were adjusted, was Mr. Murphy's call.

No More Joy Riding in City Autos.

The second official day of the new city administration started out on a business-like principle. William A. Prendergast, the new republican fusion comptroller, issued a sweeping order that "joy riding" in the municipal automobiles in all departments must cease at once. He announced in addition that every driver of the city-owned cars must be licensed. He also ordered that the grade of laborer, excepting policemen, firemen and school teachers, must be lowered. He also ordered that the grade of laborer, excepting policemen, firemen and school teachers, must be lowered.

Politics Tabooed in All Departments.

Appointments in all departments of New York city's government must be based on merit, and no political considerations, alone, and politics is tabooed, according to orders issued tonight by Mayor Gaynor in a letter to Fire Commissioner and Police Commissioner. The orders and business men must keep their hands off. The mayor's letter says, in part:

It is my intention of banishing all political and outside influence from the departments immediately and once for all. The city government is to be run on a business basis. No political considerations, alone, and politics is tabooed, according to orders issued tonight by Mayor Gaynor in a letter to Fire Commissioner and Police Commissioner. The orders and business men must keep their hands off. The mayor's letter says, in part:

Condensed Telegrams

A Wrecked Oil Train in Flames threatened to destroy Logansport, Ind.

William Logg, collector of the port of New York has more than doubled his net receipts.

William Morse and John Barobuto were executed within a few minutes of each other at Sing Sing prison.

Dr. William A. Monagh, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., whose wife committed suicide, ended his life in San Francisco.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was sworn in as foreman of a grand jury to investigate the white slave traffic in New York.

Six Suspicious Individuals found lurking near the estate where King Alfonso is hunting in Andalusia, Spain, were arrested.

The Wright Brothers were granted a temporary injunction against Glenn H. Curtiss for infringement on aeroplane patents.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson believes the public is paying too much for foodstuffs and he is going to investigate the matter.

The United States will send five warships to the Argentine Republic to take part in the centennial celebration of that country next May.

The National Museum, in which will be housed the Roosevelt collection of birds, is being moved to the new building on the Mall.

The Provincial Council of Havana presented a bill to the governor, Juan Cordero, of unlawfully making appropriations in excess of the budget.

President Taft received New Year's greetings from the emperor of Germany, the king of Italy and the new king of Belgium, to which he replied in kind.

The Manila Medical Society received report on a new cure for cancer, consisting of making a patient immune by using vaccine prepared from his own cancer.

A Negro Claiming to Be an American being held in England on charges of conspiracy to determine his nationality. He is probably George Howard, who was refused entry here.

Emperor Nicholas followed on foot the body of his uncle, Grand Duke Alexis, to the grave in a snowstorm, and was drenched to the skin. He tried to change his clothing before regiments mass was said.

Census Director Durand has written to the supervisors of census telling them that in some states where the colored people are predominant, the census men may be appointed as enumerators to take the census of their own race.

Former United States Treasurer J. N. Huston, with office in New York City, Samuel Graham of Montreal, Canada, and John M. Lewis of New York, four of Washington were indicted by the grand jury on the charge of conspiracy and of using the mails for fraud.

SMUGGLED COSTLY GOWNS AND OTHER DRESS GOODS

Two New York Fashionable Dressmakers Plead Guilty in U. S. Court.

New York, Jan. 4.—Theresa Mahoney and Elizabeth B. Dinamo, partners in a fashionable dressmaking establishment, pleaded guilty in the United States district court today to the conspiracy of participation in the alleged conspiracy of smuggling costly gowns and dress goods into this country in "sneak trucks."

The conspiracy was said to have been in two years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.

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Blow from Home For Dr. Cook

SUMMARY DISMISSAL FROM BROOKLYN INSTITUTE.

HIS \$15,000 LETTER OF CREDIT

Which He Obtained in New York Before Sinking from Sight Still in Trust Company Vault.

New York, Jan. 4.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook must strike off another item from the list of his scientific honors and this time the blow comes from the folks at home. The council of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, it was announced today, has voted that the discredited explorer be dropped from membership. The action was unanimous and the dismissal is summary.

Dr. Cook was a member of the executive department of geography and until his polar claims were more or less shattered in Copenhagen, he had been held in high esteem by the members of the institute. He lectured to its members on his "polar discovery" soon after returning to America.

No Effort to Discover His Location.

While, so far as known, no particular effort is being made to discover where he is today, it was pointed out today incidentally that he has not yet drawn on the \$15,000 letter of credit which he obtained in New York before disappearing from public view.

The \$15,000 part of the money which he made out of his lecture tour, remains in the vaults of a New York trust company.

Original Notebooks at Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook's original notebooks arrived here today. The originals were sent by the committee immediately. Rector Salomonson says, however, that the investigation will not alter the committee's judgment. He has seen the notebooks and is well convinced that the explorer's claim to the discovery of the pole is not bona fide.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF 8,000 WORDS THURSDAY.

Mr. Taft Reverts to His Original Plan of One Document.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Late today, after a conference with Senators Aldrich and Root and a number of cabinet members, President Taft decided to revert to his original plan of combining his views as to amendments to the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws in one message, which he will send to congress Thursday noon.

The decision on the part of the president is said to be a surprise. The combined message will be about 8,000 words in length.

At the conclusion of the conference this afternoon between the president and Senators Aldrich and Root it was decided that the president's proposed railroad legislation would be on the right of way in both senate and house.

The further assurance was given that the proposed changes in the railroad laws will be written in the statute book as a single bill.

There is some opposition to the rather drastic legislation which the president will recommend, but this will be overcome, it is said, and the bill will be supported in both branches of congress.

The president will transmit to congress on Friday the report of the attorney general and all the papers connected with the Glavis charges against Secretary Ballinger. The report has been called for in a resolution offered by Senator Flint of California, and the special message on conservation will go in the latter part of next week.

DEATH OF D. O. MILLS.

California Pioneer, and One of America's Famous Financiers.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—The body of Darius Ogden Mills, banker, philanthropist and man of affairs for more than sixty years, tonight rests in the Mills winter home at Millbrae, a suburb.

Over the plains of Nevada Ogden Mills, his son, is hastening westward as fast as the railroad his father helped build can carry him.

Mr. Mills' journey was interrupted by a telegram that reached him today.

Mr. Mills' son, D. O. Mills, Jr., is at Millbrae. He received hundreds of messages of sympathy from the United States and Europe today.

Rev. N. D. W. Galway, pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal church of San Mateo, Cal., which the financier attended when he was a student, represented the family to all callers today. He said that while no plans for the funeral would be made until Ogden Mills arrived, simple and dignified would be at the house before the body was sent to New York, where it probably will be buried. Dr. Galway will conduct the home services.

Mr. Mills' death was due to heart failure. He was 84 years of age and came to the Pacific coast in 1848.

THIRTY-THREE BABIES IN PERIL

Rescued by Firemen from Burning St. Vincent's Hospital.

New York, Jan. 4.—The lives of 33 babies were in peril tonight during a fire at St. Vincent's hospital at Montclair, N. J. A nurse spread an alarm by telephone, but the firemen had to reach the place when the flames were bursting through the roof of the rooms where the babies were asleep. The little charges were snatched from their beds, wrapped in heavy blankets and carried to safety, despite the extreme cold weather. The building was destroyed.

Telephone Girls' Pretty Face Disfigured by Vitriol.

New York, Jan. 4.—A Vitriol and a pretty face, jealousy and indifference, the usual combination in such cases, figured in an episode at the foot of a stairway in Harlem tonight. The face of Mary Quilley, a telephone girl, was marked for life; a jealous sister, the girl's "steady company," accused her of having a "fling" with a "fellow" and hurled a bottle of acid. The girl is in the hospital. Her eyes miraculously were not injured.

This Strike Has Cost Over \$2,000,000.

Easton, Jan. 4.—The controversy between the granite cutters and the Granite Manufacturers' association of Easton, Vt., has cost \$2,000,000 in lost wages and benefits paid out and an estimated million more to the manufacturers, according to a statement issued tonight by James Dimeson of Easton, first vice president of the American Federation of Labor. The trouble started early last November over the use of polishing machines, without suction fans to carry off the great dust raised.